

GREAT PLAINS INTERAGENCY DISPATCH CENTER

STANDARD OPERATING GUIDE # 21

TITLE: Assigning of fire numbers

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 9, 2005

INTENT: Familiarize personnel with the fire numbers and give guidance in assigning fire numbers.

Describe which fire numbers to issue for state and federal fires at Northern Great Plains Interagency Dispatch Center (GPC). The goal of this procedure is to familiarize personnel with the fire numbers issued and to give guidance in assigning fire numbers. Detailed instructions on how to issue numbers refer to Issuing fire numbers SOG.

PROCEDURE:

1. Every fire handled by GPC needs a fire or payment code for payment of resources working that fire. All federal resources use fire/payment codes generated by online program called Firecode*. All state resources including volunteers use an in-house generated code. Before generating any code cause and jurisdiction is needed. See also Firecode and State Fire Number SOG.
2. Familiarization
 - 2.1. False Alarms
One code generated by Firecode per fiscal year and one generated state number per calendar year.
 - 2.2. County Assists (State)
Each fire receives a state generated code. Most common occurrence is a state engine leaving protection district to help a volunteer agency outside the Black Hills National Forest Protection District.
 - 2.3. Forest Service statistical fire **human cause**
Each human caused fire receives a unique code generated by Firecode. A state generated code is also issued if state resources respond. Each fire also receives a SO and Ranger number. SO number is a consecutive fire occurrence number per calendar year per forest. Ranger numbers track consecutive fire occurrences per side of a district per calendar year.

2.4. Forest Service statistical fire lightning cause

Generate one code, using Firecode, per fiscal year as long as fire is less than 299 acres. This is called the ABCD Miscellaneous code and is also used for False Alarms. If fire exceeds 299 acres it is given its own unique code issued from Firecode. A state generated code is also issued if state resources respond. Each fire also receives a SO and Ranger number. SO number is a consecutive fire occurrence number per calendar year. Ranger numbers are consecutive fire occurrence per side of district per calendar year.

2.5. Forest Service non-statistical

Each fire receives an individual code from Firecode. A state generated code is issued if state resources respond. A radio button, Forest Service assisted, must be checked. Most common situation for this is Black Hills National Forest assisting Crook or Weston County.

2.6. State Fire natural cause

Issue a state generated code and an individual code generated from Firecode if federal resources respond or a federal dispatcher works that fire.

2.7. State Fire human cause

Issue a state generated code and an individual code generated from Firecode if federal resources respond or a federal dispatcher works fire.

***The Firecode program has its own manual online for reference.**

3. Issuance of numbers

3.1. For the State Firecode table see the South Dakota Wildland Fire Suppression Division Standard Operating Procedure located at the back of the book behind the plastic divider.

3.2. Federal code table

Scenario	ABCD Misc. code	Unique Firecode	SO* #	Ranger** #
Fire is all on FS land and was lightning caused. (statistical)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Fire is all on FS land and human caused. (statistical)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fire starts on FS lands and burns State/Private land. (statistical)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

Fire is all on State/ Private lands. (non-statistical)	No	Yes	No	No
Fire starts on State/Private land and burns FS land. (statistical)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fire is all on State, BIA, BLM, NPS, Crook/Weston county land and FS sends resources. (non-statistical)	No	Yes	No	No
Fire turns out to be a False Alarm.	Yes	No	No	No

* SO numbers are consecutive numbers based on occurrence on the forest.

** Ranger numbers are consecutive numbers based on occurrence per district on forest. For statistical purposes old district boundaries are used and are as follows:

Management	District	Old District*	District #
North Zone	Bearlodge	Bearlodge - BL	01
North Zone	Northern Hills	Nemo- NE	08
North Zone	Northern Hills	Spearfish- SP	11
Mystic	Mystic	Pactola - PA	09
Mystic	Mystic	Harney - HA	06
Hell Canyon	Hell Canyon	Custer - CU	03
Hell Canyon	Hell Canyon	Elk Mountain - EM	04

*Boundaries are on initial attack map with black grease pencil.